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SUBJECT: NEW UN INSTITUTE ON CRIME PREVENTION ESTABLISHED
IN COSTA RICA

1. ON JULY 11, THE GOCR AND THE UN SIGNED A CONVENTION IN NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF THE CRIMINAL. THE SEAT OF THE NEW INSTITUTE WILL BE IN SAN JOSE. ON AUGUST 11, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOCR AND GERALD MUHLER OF THE UN SECRETARIAT RATIFIED THE CONVENTION IN A FORMAL CEREMONY IN SAN JOSE. IN HIS REMARKS, MUHLER PRAISED COSTA RICA FOR ITS LOW CRIME RATE AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

2. MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT EDGAR ARROYO ANNOUNCED AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY THAT THE HEAD OF THE NEW INSTITUTE WOULD BE LIC. JORGE ARTURO MONTERO. MONTERO, A LIBERACIONISTA, WAS MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT FOR A TIME UNDER THE 1970-74 FIGUERES ADMINISTRATION AND IS KNOWN FOR HIS STRONG INTEREST IN JUDICIAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

3. IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CEREMONY, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VICTOR HUGO ROMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO OTHER SIMILAR INSTITUTES IN THE WORLD, ONE IN JAPAN AND ONE IN ITALY.
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